

Amendment to the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 9 and 10. These sheets, which include Figures 9 and 10, replace the original sheets including Figures 9 and 10. In Figures 9 and 10, previously omitted reference numeral 64 has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments and following remarks. Claims 3, 4 and 17 have been amended and claims 1, 2 and 5-16 have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Therefore, claims 3, 4 and 17 are pending in the present patent application.

The drawings have been objected to as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include reference numeral 64, which is mentioned in the description. Therefore, Figures 9 and 10 have been amended to include reference numeral 64, which is shown in the attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets. In view of the amendment to the drawings, Applicants hereby request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2, 5-12, 15 and 16 were rejected under one of 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 103(a) as being anticipated or unpatentable over one or more of U.S. Patent No. 4,277,432 to Woinowski, U.S. Patent No. 4,321,228 to de Kok, U.S. Patent No. 4,138,457 to Rudd et al., U.S. Patent No. 1,281,592 to Laskey, U.S. Patent No. 4,384,901 to Swoboda, III et al., and U.S. Patent No. 4,012,936 to Sebastiani. Claims 1, 2, 5-12, 15 and 16 have been cancelled, therefore the rejection of these claims is moot.

Claims 3, 4 and 17 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 3 and 4 have been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claims 1 and 2. Claim 17 has been

rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claims 15 and 16.

Therefore, Applicants request that the objection to claims 3, 4 and 17 be withdrawn.

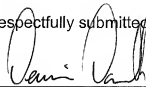
Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 3, 4 and 17 are in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that any unresolved issues remain in this case, the undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number listed below to arrange for an issue resolving conference.

Applicants do not believe that any fee is due at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may have been overlooked to Deposit Account No. 10-0223.

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